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## **Introduction**

This report presents brief summaries of the seventy-one (71) projects funded under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act in State fiscal years 1998 to 2011, including the 13 projects funded under the 2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. The focus of these projects is watershed or subwatershed based nonpoint source assessment activities that support work planned by the Department of Environmental Protection in priority basins, the Department's TMDL development efforts, the Department's Massachusetts Estuaries Program, water supply source protection planning projects, activities identified in EOEEA's watershed action plans, or other suitable water quality assessment/planning projects identified by regional planning agencies or local communities. Priority basins and projects are selected each year to support DEP's five-year basin cycle assessment and planning needs and goals outlined in the EOEEA's watershed action plans.

Non-point source (NPS) pollution is caused by diffuse sources that are not regulated and are normally associated with precipitation and stormwater runoff from the land or infiltration into the soil. Common types of NPS pollution include phosphorus and nitrogen from lawn and garden fertilizers, bacteria from pet waste and waterfowl, oil and grease from parking lots and roadways, and sediment from construction activities and soil erosion.

Since 1998, the Department has funded projects totaling \$3,416,948 in twenty-five (25) of the Commonwealth's watersheds (see Table 1 below). Activities performed include: assessment of nonpoint source pollution in urban and rural watersheds, collection of water quality data from Massachusetts estuaries and coastal ponds, nutrient loading to coastal ponds, estuarine and freshwater shoreline surveys, assessments of stormwater management systems, assessments of unpaved rural roads, and priority land acquisition identification and planning.

As part of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and Section 604b of the U.S. Clean Water Act, Massachusetts awarded \$750,266 in grants to 11 projects to help conduct watershed non-point source pollution assessment and planning work to address water quality impairments. Two additional projects totaling \$140,000 were also developed with UMASS Amherst to improve the Commonwealth's wetland and water quality monitoring programs.

Qualified proposals were selected on a competitive basis and grant recipients include municipalities and regional planning commissions. These projects are key to the Department's overall water resource protection efforts in threatened water bodies across the Commonwealth. The infusion of federal stimulus funding into this program in 2009 allowed the Department to greatly expand the development of plans to help remediate water quality concerns in more watersheds.

This report also provides a complete listing of all 604(b) projects conducted since 1991 by fiscal year and watershed in appendix Tables A and B. Summaries of these earlier projects can be found in a companion document "Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning Program, Project Summaries, 1991 to 1997" by L.K. O'Shea, et. al. 1997 which is available on the Department's web site.

Copies of the final reports for selected projects are available on CD upon request from DWM in Worcester.

**Table 1**  
**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**  
**Number of 604(b) Projects and Allocation of Grant Funds by Basin (1998-2012)**

<b><u>Basin Name</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Projects</u></b>	<b><u>Federal Dollars Allocated</u></b>
Blackstone	1	\$ 49,789
Boston Harbor (Mystic, Neponset, Weymouth & Weir)	8	\$ 448,239
Buzzards Bay	3	\$ 125,694
Cape Cod	12	\$ 526,955
Charles	1	\$ 45,090
Chicopee	1	\$ 45,400
Concord (Sudbury Assabet Concord)	1	\$ 49,000
Connecticut	6	\$ 315,600
Deerfield	3	\$ 223,800
Farmington	1	\$ 49,200
French & Quinebaug	1	\$ 29,810
Housatonic	3	\$ 124,955
Hudson (Hoosic, Kinderhook, BashBish)	2	\$ 120,317
Ipswich	1	\$ 26,000
Islands	8	\$ 211,973
Merrimack	2	\$ 92,900
Millers	1	\$ 57,500
Narragansett Bay & Mount Hope Bay	5	\$ 289,900
Nashua	1	\$ 33,300
North Coastal	2	\$ 68,940
Parker	1	\$ 54,930
South Coastal	5	\$ 275,210
Taunton	1	\$ 82,000
Ten Mile	1	\$ 36,025
Westfield	1	\$ 29,004
Statewide	3	\$ 215,783
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$3,627,320</b>

Note: Dollar amounts shown are federal grant funds and do not include non-federal matching funds.

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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 98-01**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Urban Watershed Management in the Mystic River Basin
<b>Investigator:</b>	Metropolitan Area Planning Council
<b>Location:</b>	Boston Harbor (Mystic) Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	The project will provide recommendations for reducing pollutant runoff into Spy Pond based on a detailed analysis of land cover in watershed. Baseline water quality information, data gaps, and nonpoint source pollution issues will be identified in the Horn Pond watershed. Dry and wet weather water quality sampling will be conducted in Horn Pond watershed. A detailed assessment of the drainage area that contributes runoff for the one large stormwater outfall in Horn Pond will be conducted. Recommendations will be provided to improve stormwater management in the Horn Pond watershed including opportunities for stormwater remediation and future grant funding.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$49,820
<b>Funding:</b>	\$42,343 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$ 7,477 - Metropolitan Area Planning Council
<b>Duration:</b>	1998 - 2002 (Project Complete)

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PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 98-02**

**Project Title:** Parker River Basin: Assessment and Management of Nonpoint Source Pollution in the Little River Subwatershed

**Investigator:** Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

**Location:** Parker River Watershed

**Description:** This project will comprehensively inventory, map, and assess nonpoint sources of pollution in the Little River subwatershed of the Parker River Basin. To accomplish this, the following tasks will be performed:

- 1) production of parcel-based GIS maps and databases of land use and nonpoint pollution sources through research of local and state records, and intensive field surveys;
- 2) water quality sampling to identify fecal coliform bacteria sources and loadings in the Little River mainstem and tributaries;
- 3) review and evaluation of local nonpoint source control measures; and
- 4) development of management recommendations for enhancing Little River water quality.

**Cost:** \$62,420

**Funding:** \$54,930 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 7,500 - Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

**Duration:** 1998 - 2001 (Project Complete)

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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 98-03**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Upper Blackstone River Watershed Wetlands Restoration Plan
<b>Investigator:</b>	Worcester County Conservation District
<b>Location:</b>	Upper Blackstone River Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	The project involves preparation of an upper Blackstone River Watershed Wetlands Restoration Plan that complies with the technical and planning criteria of the Massachusetts Wetlands Restoration & Banking Program. This includes: updating wetlands map data; identifying, characterizing and mapping potential wetlands restoration sites; establishing a digital wetlands database; evaluating how wetlands restoration can help improve the watershed in terms of water quality, flood storage, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat. The project will be carried out by the Worcester County Conservation District in cooperation with the Wetland Restoration and Banking Program.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$69,489
<b>Funding:</b>	\$49,789 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$19,700 - Wetland Restoration and Banking Program
<b>Duration:</b>	1998 - 2003 (Project Complete)

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PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 98-04**

**Project Title:** Assessment of Current Quality and Projected Nutrient Loading: Menemsha Pond and Chilmark Great Pond.

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess the water quality and determine the nutrient loading limits for Menemsha Pond and Chilmark Great Pond. To accomplish this, the Martha's Vineyard Commission will:

- 1) determine sources of bacterial contamination and assess nutrient status in Chilmark Great Pond using both existing and new water quality data;
- 2) determine nitrogen loading to Chilmark Great Pond and Menemsha Pond;
- 3) determine flushing time and estimate nitrogen loading limit for Chilmark Great Pond and Menemsha Pond;
- 4) project buildout loading and assess impact on Ponds; and
- 5) recommend options to reduce nitrogen loads (as needed) by bylaw revisions, easement acquisitions, and pond opening cycles.

**Cost:** \$45,415

**Funding:** \$37,670 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 7,745 - Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 1998 - 2001 (Project Complete)



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 99-01**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Priority Land Acquisition Assessment for Cape Cod: Phase 2
<b>Investigator:</b>	Cape Cod Commission
<b>Location:</b>	Cape Cod Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	This project is the second phase of a priority land-rating project initiated under a previous 604b grant. This phase of the project will provide guidance to eleven Cape Cod towns towards securing new land for water supply. Project tasks will include providing detailed GIS maps of the most suitable parcels for potential acquisition. These GIS maps will provide surficial topography and depth to water table information. A detailed analysis of relevant water development factors including funding options, groundwater protection measures, withdrawal permitting issues, and identification of local concerns affecting site selection will be prepared for each recommended site. A series of Public meetings will be conducted to distribute project information.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$49,900
<b>Funding:</b>	\$49,900 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Duration:</b>	1999 - 2001 (Project Complete)

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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 99-02**

**Project Title:** Nutrient Loading to Two Great Ponds: Tisbury Great Pond and Lagoon Pond

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** Martha's Vineyard Commission will assess water quality in both Tisbury Great Pond and Lagoon Pond using existing water quality data and by acquiring new data. Groundwater watershed contribution boundaries, flushing times, existing and potential land uses, buildout nutrient loads, and acceptable load limits will be determined for each pond. Options to meet loading limits including land purchase, easements, zoning changes, performance standards, and sewage treatment options will be prepared for both ponds.

**Cost:** \$52,000

**Funding:** \$50,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 2,000 - Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 1999 - 2001 (Project Complete)

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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 99-03**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Cape Cod Coastal Nitrogen Loading Studies
<b>Investigator:</b>	Cape Cod Commission
<b>Location:</b>	Cape Cod Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	The Cape Cod Commission will complete the nitrogen loading assessments for three embayments – Centerville River, Nauset Marsh and Town Cove, and Herring River systems initiated under previous grants. Development of nitrogen limits/TMDLs, determination of nitrogen loads, and recommendations for potential pollution controls will be prepared. In addition, recent water quality and revised tidal flushing in the Popponesset Bay system, including the Mashpee River, will be used to produce nitrogen management options for this system.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$45,000
<b>Funding:</b>	\$45,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Duration:</b>	1999 - 2002 (Project Complete)

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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 99-04**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Chicopee River Watershed Basin Assessment
<b>Investigator:</b>	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
<b>Location:</b>	Chicopee River Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	This project will address watershed assessment needs in the communities of Chicopee, Ludlow, Springfield, and Wilbraham that fall within the Chicopee River Basin. Stormwater infrastructure components will be identified, compiled into a database, and mapped; existing BMPs will be mapped and recommendations for future BMP implementation will be generated; existing water quality data will be compiled into a comprehensive database and analyzed to determine data gaps and to recommend future sampling efforts; and local water quality protection ordinances and bylaws will be reviewed and draft water protection bylaws prepared for communities within the study area.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$45,400
<b>Funding:</b>	\$45,400 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Duration:</b>	2000 - 2002 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2000-01**

**Project Title:** Surface Water Nutrient Management (Long Pond, Barnstable, and Red Brook Harbor)

**Investigator:** Cape Cod Commission

**Location:** Cape Cod Watershed

**Description:** This project will address two Massachusetts Watershed Initiative Priority Projects: 1) Long Pond; and 2) Barnstable and Red Brook Harbor. Nitrogen loading and management options will be prepared for the Barnstable Harbor and Red Brook Harbor Coastal embayment systems. This includes watershed delineations, critical nitrogen loads, existing and buildout nitrogen loads, comparison of nitrogen loads to nitrogen limits, and developing management options. For Long Pond, data needs will be identified and if necessary additional data collected (a QAPP will be prepared if necessary), an Advisory Committee will be established, nutrient management options will be prepared, and a preferred set of options recommended.

**Cost:** \$46,400

**Funding:** \$46,400 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2000 - 2002 (Project Complete)

## **PROJECT SUMMARIES**

### **SECTION 604b PROJECT 2000-02**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Runnins River Watershed Bacterial and Nutrient Source Assessment and Water Quality Management Project
<b>Investigator:</b>	Town of Seekonk
<b>Location:</b>	Narragansett Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	<p>This project will focus on the assessment of water quality along the Runnins River and will identify significant sources of bacterial pollution to sections of the Runnins River and two tributaries with known water quality problems. Recommended management actions and conceptual designs for remedial measures will be provided.</p> <p>Specific tasks to be conducted include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Existing data compilation and subwatershed reconnaissance. Property ownership, zoning, site plans for large impervious areas, septic system location, existing planning/management reports (e.g. catch basin cleaning and street sweeping frequency), and water quality data reports/information will be compiled and summarized;</li><li>2) Develop an EPA/DEP approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP);</li><li>3) Conduct field sampling and analysis. Sampling will include wet and dry weather work plus groundwater sampling for fecal coliform and nutrients;</li><li>4) Prepare conceptual designs for remedial measures; and</li><li>5) Prepare draft and final reports and conduct public presentation of final results.</li></ol>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$44,900
<b>Funding:</b>	\$40,500 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$ 4,400 - Town of Seekonk
<b>Duration:</b>	2001 – 2004 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2000-03**

**Project Title:** Millers River Watershed Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment

**Investigator:** Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

**Location:** Millers River Watershed

**Description:** Montachusett Regional Planning Commission and Franklin Regional Council of Governments will team up to create a solid information base to guide future governmental and private actions in reducing nonpoint source pollution and improve the water quality in the Millers River. MASS GIS data layers, state reports, community input, and fieldwork will be employed to identify potential nonpoint source pollution. An action plan incorporating Watershed Basin Team and Watershed Council goals will be created.

**Cost:** \$57,500

**Funding:** \$57,500 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2000 - 2002 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2000-04**

**Project Title:** Lake Cochituate Nonpoint Source Management Plan

**Investigator:** Metropolitan Area Planning Council

**Location:** Concord (Sudbury Assabet Concord) Watershed

**Description:** This project will characterize and prioritize nonpoint source pollution problems in the Lake Cochituate watershed.

Tasks to be completed include:

- 1) conduct a watershed wide inventory, mapping, and assessment of land use activities and nonpoint sources;
- 2) conduct a detailed nonpoint source assessment and stormwater mapping in selected subbasins;
- 3) assess local water quality protection measures;
- 4) provide recommendations to communities for improved management of nonpoint source pollution within the watershed;
- 5) conduct a workshop to provide outreach and technical assistance; and
- 6) develop and distribute a public information brochure on preventing nonpoint source pollution in the watershed.

**Cost:** \$53,900

**Funding:** \$49,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 4,900 - MAPC

**Duration:** 2001 - 2003 (Project Complete)



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2001-01**

**Project Title:** Assessment of Unpaved Roadways in the Farmington River Watershed

**Investigator:** Berkshire Regional Planning Commission & Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

**Location:** Farmington River Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess unpaved roads in the Massachusetts portion of the Farmington River watershed. Assessment and planning activities, using the Roadway Surface Management System (RSMS) will identify potential environmentally degrading unpaved roadway maintenance and management practices that contribute to nonpoint source pollution. The project will address remediation of existing roadway problems, set goals for prevention of potential NPS problems, and develop proactive strategies for management and maintenance of unpaved roads.

Specific tasks to be conducted include:

- 1) unpaved road assessment training. Representatives from BRPC, PVPC, and from each participating town's DPW will receive RSMS training;
- 2) inventory and map unpaved roads;
- 3) map priority resource areas;
- 4) conduct unpaved roads condition assessment;
- 5) develop a customized RSMS database for each Town;
- 6) develop an unpaved roads assessment report for each Town;
- 7) conduct planning sessions with local municipal officials; and
- 8) prepare draft and final project reports.

**Cost:** \$54,200

**Funding:** \$49,200 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 5,000 - BRPC

**Duration:** 2001 - 2003 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2001-02**

**Project Title:** Assessment of Stormwater Management System

**Investigator:** City of Easthampton

**Location:** Connecticut River Watershed

**Description:** City of Easthampton will conduct an assessment of its stormwater management system and procedures as part of the City's efforts to meet the Phase II Stormwater Management requirements.

The City of Easthampton will:

- 1) create an information database and GIS maps depicting locations of stormwater management infrastructure;
- 2) identify and describe specific stormwater management shortcomings and provide specific BMP recommendations to address the identified problems; and
- 3) prepare a framework for the City's Phase II stormwater application including developing recommendations for meeting the six minimum Phase II Stormwater control measures that are required by the U.S. EPA.

**Cost:** \$48,200

**Funding:** \$48,200 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2001 - 2003 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2001-03**

**Project Title:** Assessment of Land Use Activities, Nonpoint Source Pollution, and Water Quality in the Taunton River Watershed

**Investigator:** Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

**Location:** Taunton River Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess land use activities and identify nonpoint source (NPS) pollution areas for a minimum of six subwatersheds in the Taunton River basin. Local water quality protection measures will be assessed and subwatershed action plans developed to address identified nonpoint source pollution problems.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) acquire, update, and develop GIS data for various physical, institutional, and natural features of the watershed;
- 2) create a land suitability map to illustrate general environmental constraints to development in the watershed;
- 3) update existing MassGIS information on the type, intensity and distribution of existing land uses in six subwatersheds;
- 4) identify and assess potential and existing sources of pollution through extensive field verification and model estimates of nutrient base loading;
- 5) assess local water quality protection measures; and
- 6) provide recommendations to address existing and potential NPS pollution problems in the watershed.

**Cost:** \$82,000

**Funding:** \$82,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2001 – 2003 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2002-01**

**Project Title:** Shoreline Survey of Salem Sound

**Investigator:** City of Beverly, Board of Health

**Location:** North Coastal Watershed

**Description:** The Shoreline Survey of Salem Sound project will provide updated information on chronic bacteria pollution sources to coastal bathing beaches and shellfish beds. The survey will provide information to support remediation of 303d listed waters, Phase II stormwater management, and new swimming-beach water quality regulations. The Shoreline Survey project will update a 1993 shoreline survey to reflect numerous remedial actions, flood control projects, and sewer line repairs made in the last nine years and to identify remaining and new sources for remediation; provide supporting data to Division of Marine Fisheries to conduct a complete sanitary survey with the goal of opening shellfish beds; and assist local municipalities with both the Federal Beaches Act and Phase II stormwater permitting.

Project tasks to be completed include:

- 1) review 1993 shoreline survey and compile information from DPWs and South Salem Sewage District to determine locations of active pipes, and changes or improvements made over the last ten years;
- 2) develop a QAPP for standard survey and water quality data collection;
- 3) conduct shoreline survey of Salem Sound coastline to identify, at a minimum, all outfalls 12" diameter and larger within ¼ mile of swimming beaches or shellfish resource area;
- 4) collect water quality samples from dry weather flows at prioritized locations and analyze samples for bacteria;
- 5) produce GIS maps of all active outfalls, sources, swimming beaches, and shellfish resource areas; and
- 6) distribute survey results to municipalities at meetings and in a final report.

**Cost:** \$49,600

**Funding:** \$33,700 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$15,900 - City of Beverly

**Duration:** 2002 – 2004 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2002-02**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Management Assessment Project

**Investigator:** Town of Adams

**Location:** Hudson River Watershed

**Description:** The Town of Adams will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the stormwater management system, stormwater management practices, and development of review and management measures. This assessment will identify specific locations or discharges contributing to stormwater problems, identify needed improvements Adams's stormwater management practices, and identify improvements to Adams' development control measures. A comprehensive stormwater management plan will be prepared by the town with the goal of improving water quality in the Hoosic River and removal of specific segments of the Hoosic River from the 303d list of impaired waters.

Specific tasks to be conducted include:

- 1) identify, map, and evaluate Adams' stormwater management system in the urbanized area to provide a map of the existing storm drainage infrastructure, illicit discharges, and other problem areas;
- 2) conduct an assessment of the stream network to identify specific stormwater related problems;
- 3) prepare a QAPP and conduct a water quality monitoring program to identify "hot" spots;
- 4) prepare conceptual remediation designs and strategies for stormwater problem areas;
- 5) assess and evaluate existing stormwater management practices;
- 6) assess and evaluate development control measures including bylaws, regulations, and administrative procedures;
- 7) evaluate the capacity of local board members and personnel to implement stormwater management program; and
- 8) prepare a stormwater management plan and framework that addresses improvements and enhancements to the Town's stormwater management practices and infrastructure.

**Cost:** \$76,355

**Funding:** \$64,017 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$12,338 - Town of Adams

**Duration:** 2002 – 2004 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2002-03**

**Project Title:** Assessment of Stormwater Management Systems and Nonpoint Source Pollution

**Investigator:** Town of Swansea

**Location:** Narragansett/Mt. Hope Bay Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess the stormwater management system for the Town of Swansea and create a Stormwater Management Plan per EPA NPDES Phase II Stormwater program including identification and mapping of the Stormwater infrastructure. Nonpoint source pollution at Compton's Corners estuary will be investigated including water quality testing at identified drainage structure locations. The Stormwater Management Plan will include: locations and current status of stormwater management infrastructure, methodology for detecting illicit discharges, location and general character of illegal and illicit discharges, location and general character of nonpoint source and point sources of pollution, bacteria test data from water quality samples, review existing bylaws and ordinances, and draft recommendations and an action plan to address Phase II minimum requirements.

Project tasks include:

- 1) identification, mapping, and field inspections of the stormwater infrastructure including the creation of a GIS stormwater infrastructure database;
- 2) prepare a QAPP for water quality and dye testing in the Compton's Corners area;
- 3) map potential nonpoint source pollution sites including large impervious areas, industrial areas, areas prone to flooding, and new or redevelopment construction sites;
- 4) conduct a water quality and dye-testing program to identify sources of contamination and nonpoint source pollution; and
- 5) develop a Stormwater Management Plan that will address the six required Phase II stormwater elements and recommended remediation actions for identified nonpoint source pollution sources.

**Cost:** \$84,060

**Funding:** \$34,060 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$50,000 - Town of Swansea

**Duration:** 2002 – 2004 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2002-04**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Education Assessment and Planning

**Investigator:** Town of Plainville

**Location:** Ten Mile River Watershed

**Description:** This project will support nonpoint source pollution prevention activities in the watershed through an education program that will: create a watershed stormwater education committee; assess existing local educational resources and identify future educational needs regarding stormwater pollution and management; develop a five-year stormwater education and outreach plan for all watershed municipalities; and develop educational materials and resources to support implementation of the plan.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) assessment of stormwater education resources and needs including the formation of a stormwater education committee;
- 2) develop and implement a five-year stormwater education and outreach plan including a summary of current stormwater education resources, an outline of specific education needs, and recommendations to meet those needs;
- 3) develop stormwater education resources and materials including materials for public distribution and display including pamphlets and brochures, hands-on materials appropriate for local schools, and develop and maintain a website for obtaining stormwater management information to be shared by local municipalities.

**Cost:** \$43,025

**Funding:** \$36,025 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 7,000 - Town of Plainville

**Duration:** 2002 – 2004 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2002-05**

**Project Title:** East Branch Housatonic Watershed Assessment

**Investigator:** Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

**Location:** Housatonic River Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess the extent of known and suspected nonpoint source pollution problems in the East Branch subwatershed of the Housatonic River. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) and Housatonic Valley Association will conduct targeted water quality sampling of suspected problem areas and will pilot an effort to include volunteer water quality monitoring into a municipal stormwater management plan. Additional efforts, if needed, will be directed towards waters on the 303d list. BRPC will assist the two communities in the subwatershed in meeting their stormwater management goals and will recommend remediation of identified erosion and sedimentation problems in two surface water supply watersheds.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Develop a QAPP and conduct a water quality sampling program;
- 2) Conduct a pilot sampling program to detect illicit discharges;
- 3) Conduct an unpaved road runoff and erosion assessment in two surface water supply subwatersheds;
- 4) Compile existing and collect new data to remove selected waters from the 303d list of impaired waters;
- 5) Conduct an assessment of outreach, regulatory, and policy needs for NPDES Phase II communities and prepare a draft Stormwater Management Program for these towns.

**Cost:** \$44,955

**Funding:** \$44,955 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2002 – 2004 (Project Complete)



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2003-01**

**Project Title:** Martha's Vineyard: Water Quality Assessment of Nine Coastal Ponds

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** This project will obtain the additional water quality data from nine coastal salt ponds in support of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project. The nine coastal ponds on Martha's Vineyard that will be sampled are: Sengekontacket, Cape Pogue, Poucha, Tashmoo, Oak Bluffs Harbor, Farm, Menemsha, Chilmark, and Squibnocket. Water quality samples will be collected from forty-six stations during four sampling rounds from late July through mid September. Data will be incorporated into a final report and published on a web site.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) update existing Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to reflect changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling;
- 2) identify and conduct field reconnaissance of up to forty-six sample station locations to collect GPS data and subsequently prepare a GIS map of the sample collection sites;
- 3) conduct four sample collection rounds at forty-six stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated QAPP. Water quality data will be summarized by pond and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 4) prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, pond system physical location, and other water quality data collected. The resource information for each pond surveyed will be presented in a "clickable" format on web-ready maps and posted on the MVC's web site; and
- 5) prepare complete water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$45,424

**Funding:** \$35,124 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$10,300 - Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 2003 – 2005 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2003-02**

**Project Title:** An Ecosystem Approach to the Sawmill River Watershed Restoration

**Investigator:** Franklin Conservation District

**Location:** Connecticut River Watershed

**Description:** This project will provide a three-phase geomorphic approach for the lower portion of the Sawmill River Watershed. The assessments will use a state-of-the-art model to inventory and analyze river ecosystem health indicators. The project will use natural stream channel principles based on the river's ecosystem to design conceptual solutions for flooding, sedimentation, and erosion problems. The project will also offer a methodology for replication in other Massachusetts watersheds.

Specific tasks to be completed are:

- 1) review existing data prepared for the project to-date including NRCS Phase I and Phase II assessments and existing engineering data.
- 2) perform a Stream Geomorphic Assessment of the river to identify areas of concern including determination of bank full features, width of flood prone area, cross sections for stream typing, pebble counts and determining planform geometry.
- 3) perform cross section surveys and longitudinal profiles of selected reaches. Incorporate additional stream cross section data into hydrology study;
- 4) perform hydrology study using NRCS and Army Corps of Engineers computer models (TR 20 and HEC RAS, respectively);
- 5) prepare conceptual restoration design alternatives using project data and natural channel design principles; and
- 6) prepare and disseminate final project report.

**Cost:** \$100,820

**Funding:** \$54,500 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$46,320 - Franklin Conservation District

**Duration:** 2003 – 2005 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2003-03**

**Project Title:** Water Quality Monitoring: Parker's River, Lewis Bay, and Bass River

**Investigator:** Town of Yarmouth

**Location:** Cape Cod Watershed

**Description:** The Town of Yarmouth will conduct water quality sampling in the Parker's River, Lewis Bay, and Bass River sub-watersheds in support of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project. The sampling will produce data essential to the subsequent assessments of each ecosystem including the development of TMDLs and local watershed management plans. Data collected will be consistent with Massachusetts Estuaries Project criteria and consistent with Cape Cod Watershed Team Action Plan, the Cape Cod Commission's Regional Policy Plan, and the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan. Sampling efforts will directly involve local citizens from Yarmouth, Dennis, and Barnstable.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) prepare a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the monitoring and assessment work;
- 2) recruit and train volunteer sampling teams;
- 3) collect and analyze water quality samples from sub-watershed sampling stations in accordance with approved SAP. Additional observations and measurements of macroalgae biomass and distribution, eelgrass biomass and distribution, sediment type, wind speed and direction, and air temperature will be collected from selected sampling stations in accordance with the approved SAP; and
- 4) prepare final project report including a summary and analysis of all data collected by sub-watershed and sampling round.

**Cost:** \$62,963

**Funding:** \$44,975 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$17,988 - Town of Yarmouth

**Duration:** 2003 – 2005 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2003-04**

**Project Title:** Estuaries Monitoring Program: Duxbury, Kingston, and Plymouth Coastal Waters

**Investigator:** Town of Kingston

**Location:** South Coastal Watershed

**Description:** This project will provide water quality and flow data to support the Massachusetts Estuaries Program assessment of Duxbury, Kingston, and Plymouth coastal waters including: Duxbury Harbor, Jones River, Kingston Bay, Plymouth Harbor, Ellisville Harbor, Eel River, and Town Brook. The project will establish a water quality database for the Town's coastal waters that will be used for the future development of TMDLs and nutrient management.

Tasks to be completed include:

- 1) completion of a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the collection and analysis of water quality and flow data in the project area;
- 2) establish fresh and salt water monitoring locations for water quality and flow measurements. Descriptions and GPS data will be provided for each sampling site;
- 3) recruit and train volunteer sampling teams for each sub-watershed;
- 4) collect and analyze water quality and flow data from sub-watershed sampling sites in accordance with DEP approved SAP; and
- 5) prepare final project report including a summary and analysis of all data collected by subwatershed and sampling round.

**Cost:** \$85,240

**Funding:** \$76,410 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 8,830 - Town of Kingston

**Duration:** 2003 – 2005 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2004-01**

**Project Title:** Martha's Vineyard: Water Quality Assessment of Four Coastal Ponds

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** This project will obtain water quality data to prepare four coastal salt ponds (Farm Pond, Tashmoo Pond, Sengekontacket Pond, and Chilmark Pond) for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP), enhance the dataset for two other salt ponds (Cape Pogue and Poucha Pond), and collect additional water quality data for Lagoon Pond which has already entered MEP. Water quality samples will be collected from thirty-one stations during four sampling rounds from late July through mid September. Data will be incorporated into a final report and added to the MVC's web site.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling;
- 2) conduct four sample collection rounds at thirty-one stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by pond and sampling round, and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 3) prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, pond system physical location, and other water quality data collected. The resource information for each pond surveyed will be presented on maps and posted on MVC's web site; and
- 4) prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$18,012

**Funding:** \$11,412 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 6,600 - Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 2004 – 2006 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2004-02**

**Project Title:** A Subwatershed Approach to Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment in the Deerfield River Watershed

**Investigator:** Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Location:** Deerfield River Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess land use activities, identify and field-verify potential nonpoint sources of pollution for six subwatersheds (South, North, Green, Chickley, and River corridor segments 1 and 2) with impaired river segments within the Deerfield River Watershed, and create Watershed-Based Plans following EPA guidance to reduce nonpoint source pollution for these subwatersheds. The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) will partner with the Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA), the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, and the MA Department of Fish and Game's Riverways/Adopt-A-Stream program to conduct the Deerfield River Watershed assessment project.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) organize Stream Teams and conduct Shoreline Surveys in the Chickley River, South River, and North River sub-watersheds;
- 2) convene Advisory Committees for four targeted sub-watersheds and conduct an outreach program;
- 3) using MassGIS data layers and recent GIS mapping previously developed by the Contractor, prepare GIS theme maps of various physical, institutional, and natural features of the watershed including new development areas;
- 4) inventory existing and potential sources of nonpoint pollution in six sub-watersheds;
- 5) conduct a Rural Road Assessment for the Chickley River sub-watershed;
- 6) prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and conduct water quality sampling for *E. coli* in three sub-watersheds;
- 7) incorporate assembled data into a Watershed-Based Plan following EPA guidance;
- 8) provide site-specific nonpoint source management recommendations on a sub-watershed basis; and
- 9) prepare quarterly and final project reports.

**Cost:** \$114,455

**Funding:** \$87,700 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$26,755 - Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Duration:** 2004 – 2006 (Project complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2004-03**

**Project Title:** Simulation of Soluble Waste Transport: Estuarine Reach of the Merrimack

**Investigator:** Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

**Location:** Merrimack River Watershed

**Description:** The project will conduct a dye tracer study to track the movement and dispersion of a solute in the Newburyport tidal basin of the lower Merrimack River. The tracer test will measure speed, dispersion, and resident time of a tagged water parcel as it passes through the estuarine network. This sampling will be tied to an existing tracer study to be conducted from Lawrence to the Rt. 1 Bridge in Newburyport by the USGS.

Specific tasks include:

- 1) coordinate project activities with USGS and other State and Local Agencies participating in the study. This will include planning for crews and equipment needed to collect the data according to USGS sampling protocols. The USGS sampling protocols shall establish specific sampling locations, times, and procedures;
- 2) collect water quality samples at pre-determined times and locations to document the passage of a dye tracer tagged parcel of water. All samples will be analyzed for final dye concentrations;
- 3) analyze dye tracer concentrations to simulate build up concentrations at each sampling location and to determine flushing (residence) time for the tidal basin; and
- 4) prepare quarterly reports and a final investigative report to document study findings.

**Cost:** \$56,350

**Funding:** \$46,350 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$10,000 - U.S Geological Survey

**Duration:** 2004 – 2006 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2004-04**

**Project Title:** Mount Hope Bay: Estuaries Water Quality Monitoring

**Investigator:** Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

**Location:** Mount Hope Bay Watershed

**Description:** This project will initiate water quality sampling in Mount Hope Bay including fresh, estuarine, and marine waters. This project will provide water quality and flow data to support the Massachusetts Estuaries Program assessment of coastal waters including: Mt. Hope Bay, Taunton River, Three Mile River, Segreganset River, Assonet River, and Quequechan River. Principle objectives will be to collect baseline data at established points, promote community involvement and awareness of water quality issues within the estuary.

Tasks to be completed include:

- 1) completion of a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the collection and analysis of water quality and flow data in the project area;
- 2) establish fresh and salt water monitoring locations for water quality and flow measurements. Descriptions and GPS data will be provided for each sampling site;
- 3) recruit and train volunteer sampling teams for in-bay and fresh water sampling locations;
- 4) collect and analyze water quality and flow data from in-bay and fresh water sampling sites in accordance with approved SAP;
- 5) conduct a Workshop to increase community awareness of water quality issues; and
- 6) prepare final project report including a summary and analysis of all data collected by subwatershed and sampling round.

**Cost:** \$ 81,000

**Funding:** \$ 81,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2004 – 2006 (Project Complete)



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2005-01**

**Project Title:** Continuation of Water Quality Monitoring – Parker’s & Bass River, Lewis Bay

**Investigator:** Town of Yarmouth

**Location:** Cape Cod Watershed

**Description:** The Town of Yarmouth will continue to conduct water quality sampling in the Parker’s River, Lewis Bay, and Bass River sub-watersheds in support of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project. The sampling will produce data essential to the subsequent assessments of each ecosystem including the development of TMDLs and local watershed management plans. Data collected will be consistent with Massachusetts Estuaries Project criteria and consistent with Cape Cod Watershed Team Action Plan, the Cape Cod Commission’s Regional Policy Plan, and the Town’s Local Comprehensive Plan. Sampling efforts will directly involve local citizens from Yarmouth, Dennis, and Barnstable.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Revise a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) as needed for monitoring and assessment work including collection and analysis of TSS samples from open-water sites;
- 2) Continue to recruit, train and support volunteer sampling teams;
- 3) Collect and analyze water quality samples from sub-watershed sampling stations in accordance with approved and/or revised SAP. Additional observations and measurements of total suspended solids (TSS), macroalgae biomass and distribution, eelgrass biomass and distribution, sediment type, wind speed and direction, and air temperature will be collected from selected sampling stations in accordance with the approved QAPP; and
- 4) Prepare final project report including a summary and analysis of all data collected by sub-watershed and sampling round.

**Cost:** \$28,670

**Funding:** \$20,140 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 8,530 – Town of Yarmouth

**Duration:** 2005 – 2007 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2005-02**

**Project Title:** Martha's Vineyard Coastal Pond Water Quality Assessment – Phase III

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** This project will obtain water quality data to prepare six coastal salt ponds for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). First year data will be collected for Katama Bay Pond and James Pond; second year data for Oyster Pond; and complete the dataset for Cape Pogue, Poucha Pond, and Farm Pond. MVC will collect additional water quality data for Tashmoo Pond and Sengekontacket Pond that have already entered MEP. Water quality samples will be collected from forty-two stations during four sampling rounds from late July through mid September. Data will be incorporated into a final report and added to the MVC's web site.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling including the collection of TSS at select stations;
- 2) Conduct four sample collection rounds at forty-two stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by pond and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 3) Prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, pond system physical location, and other water quality data collected. The resource information for each pond surveyed will be presented on maps and posted on a web site; and
- 4) Prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$34,513

**Funding:** \$28,013– U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 6,500 – Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 2005 – 2007 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2005-03**

**Project Title:** Four Mile River Watershed Assessment

**Investigator:** Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Location:** Connecticut River Watershed

**Description:** The goal of this project is to develop solutions to the erosion and sedimentation problems and to investigate new approaches to reducing nonpoint source pollution in the watershed. Franklin Regional Council of Governments will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Four Mile Brook watershed including: a macroinvertebrate sampling program, a public education and outreach effort, and a watershed management plan which will prioritize watershed problems and provide recommendations for mitigation or restoration projects.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Inventory potential sources of nonpoint source pollution in the Four Mile River watershed. This inventory will include a pilot program to test a new EPA methodologies for watershed assessment – The Unified Stream Assessment and the Unified Subwatershed and Site Reconnaissance method.
- 2) Prepare a QAPP for a macroinvertebrate sampling program for EPA & DEP approval;
- 3) Analyze water quality data collected, and, inventory and prioritize sites for restoration and mitigation projects;
- 4) Develop a Watershed Management and Restoration Plan with specific recommendations for restoration and mitigation projects;
- 5) Prepare draft conceptual engineering designs for a priority project;
- 6) Convene an Advisory Committee with watershed stakeholders;
- 7) Implement a Public Participation and Outreach Program; and
- 8) Prepare quarterly and final project reports.

**Cost:** \$76,290

**Funding:** \$61,700 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$14,590 – Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Duration:** 2005 – 2007 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2005-04**

**Project Title:** Mount Hope Bay: Estuaries Water Quality Monitoring – Phase II

**Investigator:** Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

**Location:** Mt Hope Bay Watershed

**Description:** This project will continue the second of three years of water quality sampling planned for Mt. Hope Bay including fresh, estuarine, and marine waters. This project will provide water quality and flow data to support the Massachusetts Estuaries Program assessment of coastal waters including: Mt. Hope Bay, Taunton River, Three mile River, Segreganset River, Assonet River, and Quequechan River. Principle objectives will be to collect baseline data at established points, promote community involvement and awareness of water quality issues within the estuary.

Tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Revise the QAPP for the collection and analysis of water quality and flow data in the project area as needed;
- 2) Continue recruitment, training and support of volunteer sampling teams for in-bay and fresh water sampling locations;
- 3) Collect and analyze water quality and flow data from in-bay and fresh water sampling sites in accordance with approved QAPP including TSS data from open-water stations; and
- 4) Prepare final project report including a summary and analysis of all data collected by sub-watershed and sampling round.

**Cost:** \$74,420

**Funding:** \$74,420 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2005 – 2007 (Project Complete)

## **PROJECT SUMMARIES**

### **SECTION 604b PROJECT 2006-01**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Hamilton Reservoir Watershed Management
<b>Investigator:</b>	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
<b>Location:</b>	French-Quinebaug Watershed
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The project will focus on assessment, management and BMP design solutions for road surfaces and stormwater runoff in the Hamilton Reservoir watershed to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to Hamilton Reservoir. The project will conduct a comprehensive assessment of unpaved road surfaces in the Hamilton Reservoir Watershed including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) prepare a GIS map and database of watershed roads including ownership status, Federal functional road classification, road surface type, landuse and hydrology;</li><li>2) conduct road surface assessments using the Road Manager 2000 program to identify sources of sediment loading and develop unpaved road surface management recommendations including budget projections;</li><li>3) conduct a Shoreline survey of the Massachusetts portion of the Hamilton Reservoir watershed and three tributaries: Leadmine, Steven's and Brown's Brook. Shoreline surveys will also be conducted on the Connecticut portion of the watershed by volunteers from Connecticut;</li><li>4) complete BMP design schematics at three to four high priority locations and obtain written permission from landowners to proceed with BMP installation;</li><li>5) review local bylaws and recommend local regulatory tools for watershed protection; and,</li><li>6) conduct a public outreach program and prepare final report.</li></ol>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$32,110
<b>Funding:</b>	\$ 29,810 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$ 2,300 – Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
<b>Duration:</b>	2006 – 2008 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2006-02**

**Project Title:** Martha's Vineyard Coastal Pond Water Quality Assessment – Phase IV

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** This project will continue the collection of water quality data to prepare six coastal salt ponds for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). Second year data will be collected for Katama Bay Pond and James Pond; and third year data for Oyster Pond. Water quality samples will be collected from seventeen stations during four sampling rounds from late July through mid September. Data will be incorporated into a final report and added to the MVC's web site.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling including the collection of TSS at select stations;
- 2) Conduct four sample collection rounds at seventeen stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by pond and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 3) Prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, pond system physical location, and other water quality data collected. The resource information for each pond surveyed will be presented on maps and posted on a web site; and
- 4) Prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$20,361

**Funding:** \$ 13,498 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 6,863 – Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 2006 – 2008 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2006-03**

**Project Title:** Old Harbor and Scorton Creek Water Quality Sampling

**Investigator:** Town of Sandwich

**Location:** Cape Cod Watershed

**Description:** This project will continue with the collection of baseline water quality data required for entry into Massachusetts Estuary Program initiated by the Town of Sandwich in 2005. Water quality data will be collected during the summer months at 15 stations in Sandwich Harbor and 14 stations in Scorton Creek.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling from the 2005 sampling effort including the collection of TSS at select stations;
- 2) Conduct up to two training sessions for sampling volunteers;
- 3) Assemble sampling kits as specified in the SAP for each Sampling team;
- 4) Conduct six sample collection rounds at twenty-nine stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by Harbor and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 5) Prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, Harbor system physical location, and water quality data collected; and
- 6) Prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$21,400

**Funding:** \$21,400 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2006 – 2008 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2006-04**

**Project Title:** Mount Hope Bay: Estuaries Water Quality Monitoring – Phase III

**Investigator:** Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

**Location:** Mt Hope Bay Watershed

**Description:** This project will complete three years of water quality sampling for Mt. Hope Bay including fresh, estuarine, and marine waters. The project will provide water quality and flow data to support the Massachusetts Estuaries Program assessment of coastal waters including: Mt. Hope Bay, Taunton River, Three mile River, Segreganset River, Assonet River, and Quequechan River. Three new freshwater stream gauging and water quality monitoring stations will be established on Lewins Brook and Heath Brook/Kickamuit River. Principle objectives are to collect baseline data at established points and to promote community involvement and awareness of water quality issues within the estuary.

Tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Revise the QAPP for the collection and analysis of water quality and flow data in the project area as needed;
- 2) Continue recruitment, training and support of volunteer sampling teams for in-bay and fresh water sampling locations;
- 3) Collect and analyze water quality and flow data from in-bay and fresh water sampling sites in accordance with approved QAPP including TSS data from open-water stations; and
- 4) Prepare final project report for the three-year Water Quality Sampling Program including a summary and analysis of all data collected by sub-watershed and sampling round.

**Cost:** \$59,920

**Funding:** \$59,920 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2006 – 2008 (Project Complete)



## **PROJECT SUMMARIES**

### **SECTION 604b PROJECT 2007-01**

**Project Title:** Martha's Vineyard Coastal Pond Water Quality Assessment – Phase V

**Investigator:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands Watershed

**Description:** This project will continue the collection of water quality data to prepare six coastal salt ponds for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). Third year data will be collected for Katama Bay Pond and James Pond. Additional data will be collected from both Oyster Pond and Tisbury Great Pond due to the discontinuous tidal nature of these systems. Water quality samples will be collected from twenty-five stations during four sampling rounds from late July through mid September. Data will be incorporated into a final report and added to the MVC's web site.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling including the collection of TSS at select stations;
- 2) Conduct four sample collection rounds at twenty-five stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by pond and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 3) Prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, pond system physical location, and other water quality data collected. The resource information for each pond surveyed will be presented on maps and posted on a web site; and
- 4) Prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$24,744

**Funding:** \$ 20,119 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 4,625 – Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 2007 – 2009 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2007-02**

**Project Title:** Old Harbor and Scorton Creek Water Quality Sampling

**Investigator:** Town of Sandwich

**Location:** Cape Cod Watershed

**Description:** This project will complete the third year of baseline water quality data collection required for entry into Massachusetts Estuary Program. Water quality data will be collected during the summer months at 15 stations in Sandwich Harbor and 14 stations in Scorton Creek.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling from previous sampling efforts including the collection of TSS at select stations;
- 2) Conduct up to two training sessions for sampling volunteers;
- 3) Assemble sampling kits as specified in the SAP for each Sampling team;
- 4) Conduct six sample collection rounds at twenty-nine stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by Harbor and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 5) Prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, Harbor system physical location, and water quality data collected; and
- 6) Prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report that summarizes the three years of data collection.

**Cost:** \$21,100

**Funding:** \$ 21,100 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2007 – 2009 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2007-03**

**Project Title:** Provincetown Harbor & Pamet Harbor Water Quality Assessment

**Investigator:** Town of Provincetown

**Location:** Cape Cod Watershed

**Description:** This project will collect the baseline water quality data necessary to prepare coastal water bodies in Provincetown and Truro for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). The Towns of Provincetown and Truro, in concert with UMASS School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST), will prepare a Sampling and Analysis Plan and collect Year one data for Hatches Harbor, Provincetown Harbor, East Harbor Lagoon, and Pamet Harbor. Water quality samples will be collected from a minimum of thirty-nine stations during six sampling rounds from June through September.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Prepare a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) including field survey station locations, GPS coordinates, and GIS maps of sample locations following existing Massachusetts Estuaries Program (MEP) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to insure standard survey and water quality data collection methods;
- 2) Collect water quality samples from thirty-nine stations during six sampling rounds; and
- 3) Prepare final data summary.

**Cost:** \$52,730

**Funding:** \$ 47,730 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 5,000 – Town of Provincetown

**Duration:** 2007 - 2009

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2007-04**

**Project Title:** Barrett Pond Watershed Assessment

**Investigator:** City of Leominster

**Location:** Nashua Watershed

**Description:** This project will conduct an assessment of nonpoint pollution sources and develop solutions to improve water quality and restore recreational uses of Barrett Pond.

Specific activities to be conducted by the City during this project include:

- 1) Assess land uses in the watershed to identify nonpoint pollution sources,
- 2) Conduct water quality and biological assessments to identify pond management techniques that will reduce turbidity and algal blooms,
- 3) Develop preliminary designs, estimated costs, and identify locations to install Best Management Practices,
- 4) Prepare specific recommendations for stormwater controls and pond management measures,
- 5) Conduct a community outreach and education program, and
- 6) Prepare a final project report.

**Cost:** \$45,300

**Funding:** \$33,300 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$12,000 – City of Leominster

**Duration:** 2007 – 2009 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2007-05**

**Project Title:** Green Street Demonstration Project

**Investigator:** City of Boston

**Location:** Boston Harbor Watershed

**Description:** This project will assess the potential stormwater management and recharge benefits of Green Streets by implementing a pilot Green Street project in the City of Boston. The results will help the City of Boston, as well as the EOEEA and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), understand more fully the role that Green Streets could play in stormwater management and watershed protection in this region. The Contractor will work in partnership with the Charles River Watershed Association to complete the project. This project will provide an opportunity to integrate planning, design, development and education about ultra-urban Low Impact Development designs and innovative stormwater retrofits across agencies.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Assess existing conditions at an urban location,
- 2) Develop Source Loading and Management Model estimates of surface water runoff and nutrient loading for the selected site,
- 3) Evaluate Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMP) Opportunities,
- 4) Conduct scenario modeling for various BMP's,
- 5) Select BMP options Streetscape Concept,
- 6) Conduct a Public Outreach program, and
- 7) Prepare a final project report.

**Cost:** \$44,986

**Funding:** \$25,406 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$19,580 – City of Boston

**Duration:** 2007 – 2009 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2008-01**

**Project Title:** Provincetown Harbor & Pamet Harbor Water Quality Assessment

**Grantee:** Town of Provincetown

**Location:** Cape Cod

**Description:** This project will continue the collection of baseline water quality data necessary to prepare coastal water bodies in Provincetown and Truro for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). The Towns of Provincetown and Truro and the National Park Service, in concert with UMASS School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST), will revise the existing Sampling and Analysis Plan and collect Year two data for Hatches Harbor, Provincetown Harbor, East Harbor Lagoon, and Pamet Harbor. Water quality samples will be collected during six sampling rounds from June through September.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Grantee during this project include:

- 1) Revise existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) including field survey station locations, GPS coordinates, and GIS maps of sample locations following existing Massachusetts Estuaries Program (MEP) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to insure standard survey and water quality data collection methods;
- 2) Collect water quality samples during six sampling rounds; and
- 3) Prepare final data summary.

**Cost:** \$ 46,400

**Funding:** \$ 46,400 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2008 -2010 (Project Complete)

## **PROJECT SUMMARIES**

### **SECTION 604b PROJECT 2008-02**

**Project Title:** Cranberry Bog Management in the Weweantic Watershed

**Grantee:** Town of Carver

**Location:** Buzzards Bay

**Description:** This project seeks to reduce nutrient loading associated with cranberry production in the Weweantic watershed by updating the cranberry industry's Best Management Practices guide. The Grantee will produce an updated technical document to inform growers as to innovative methods of cranberry production that reduce environmental impacts. Project partners include the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Assoc., UMASS Cranberry Station, and Coalition for Buzzards Bay.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Collect, compile and assess current research on reducing nutrient inputs;
- 2) Publish and distribute a Fact sheet to cranberry growers on environmental issues in the Weweantic;
- 3) Synthesize research into a BMP manual and distribute BMP manual to growers; and
- 4) Conduct a workshop with cranberry growers and present the updated technical BMP document at an annual cranberry growers conference.

**Cost:** \$ 17,040

**Funding:** \$ 16,500 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 540 – Town of Carver

**Duration:** 2008 – 2010 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2008-03**

**Project Title:** Martha's Vineyard Coastal Pond Water Quality Assessment – Phase VI

**Grantee:** Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Location:** Islands

**Description:** This project will continue the collection of water quality and land use data to prepare coastal salt ponds on Martha's Vineyard for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). Additional data will be collected from both Oyster Pond and Tisbury Great Pond at regular intervals before, during and after openings to the ocean are cut through the barrier beaches. Water quality samples and pond surface elevation data will be collected from 12 stations during six sampling rounds. Data will be incorporated into a final report and added to the MVC's web site.

The Grantee will also complete a land use analysis for Farm Pond watershed using the methodology developed by the Cape Cod Commission for nitrogen loading models. Parcel-level uses and their development potential will be identified and residential wastewater production estimated. Lawn size and fertilizer treatment level, commercial wastewater loads, and golf course turf acreage will be measured to estimate landscape nitrogen loading. All parcel-level data will be entered into spreadsheets for use in the MEP analysis.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Update existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to reflect any changes in the sampling locations, stations, sample collection and processing methodology, and equipment and handling including the collection of TSS at select stations;
- 2) Install water pressure transducers to record pond level elevations before, during and after these systems are open to the ocean;
- 3) Conduct six sample collection rounds at twelve stations and analyze the water quality samples in accordance with the updated SAP. Water quality data will be summarized by pond and sampling round and provided in spreadsheet format;
- 4) Prepare GIS based data maps showing station locations, pond system physical location, and other water quality data collected. The resource information for each pond surveyed will be presented on maps and posted on a web site;
- 5) Prepare parcel-level land use analysis to estimate nitrogen loading from residential, recreational and commercial land uses; and
- 6) Prepare quarterly progress reports and a final water quality assessment report.

**Cost:** \$22,366

**Funding:** \$16,137 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 6,229 – Martha's Vineyard Commission

**Duration:** 2008 – 2010 (Project Complete)



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2008-04**

**Project Title:** Westfield River Basin Water Quality Monitoring Program

**Grantee:** Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

**Location:** Westfield River

**Description:** The Grantee, in collaboration with Westfield State College's Westfield River Environmental Center will implement a water quality monitoring program in the Westfield River watershed to identify sources of impairments. A QAPP that describes sampling locations, sampling and analysis methodologies will be submitted to DEP/EPA for review. This project will conduct 18 months of baseline chemical and bacterial sampling.

Project tasks include:

- 1) Review and edit QAPP based on DEP/EPA comments and finalize QAPP;
- 2) Organize volunteer stream teams and train volunteers;
- 3) Conduct monitoring program;
- 4) Analyze samples; and
- 5) Conduct outreach and publish water quality data on Westfield State College's web site.

**Cost:** \$ 37,379

**Funding:** \$ 29,004 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 8,375 – PVPC & Westfield State College

**Duration:** 2008 – 2010 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-01-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Developing Tools for More Effective Assessment of Wetlands and Aquatic Ecosystems

**Grantee:** UMASS - Amherst

**Location:** Statewide

**Description:** This project will continue efforts by UMASS and MassDEP to develop a landscape level assessment method that will inform MassDEP's wetland and water quality sampling programs. The method under development is the Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System (i.e. CAPS) developed by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Specific activities to be conducted include:

- 1) Development of reference condition (or disturbance gradient) for the assessment of wetland and water quality condition and aid in the incorporation of wetland issues into broader watershed planning and watershed management goals;
- 2) Development of Tidal Restriction and Ditching salt marsh metrics for the CAPS landscape level model to aid in wetland monitoring and assessment of wetland condition;
- 3) Identification of algae and/or invertebrates and other data collected to aid in calibration of the CAPS model; and
- 4) Preparation of final report detailing work completed in the above tasks.

**Cost:** \$ 100,000

**Funding:** \$ 100,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2009 – 2010 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-02-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Technical Support for the Development of a Probabilistic Water Quality Monitoring Program for Massachusetts

**Grantee:** UMASS - Amherst

**Location:** Statewide

**Description:** This project will provide technical support for the design of a probabilistic water quality monitoring program for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which would provide sufficient data to report on the overall quality of freshwaters in Massachusetts every two years and at the same time provide MassDEP with additional information to assess the condition of water quality in specific lakes and rivers to meet the Commonwealth's obligations under section 303d of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Massachusetts Water Resources Research Center of UMass will work with MassDEP to support the development of a probabilistic monitoring program for wadable rivers, lakes and estuaries in the Commonwealth.

Technical support will be provided in the following areas:

- Preparation of an overview of relevant literature, including an evaluation of other state programs to determine if and how they have integrated probabilistic monitoring designs into their water assessment and management programs and, if so, the approximate number of FTEs allotted to those efforts; and
- Modifications to the high resolution (1:24,000) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) within Massachusetts to allow for its use as the sample frame for river and lake probabilistic surveys.

**Cost:** \$ 40,000

**Funding:** \$ 40,000- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2009 – 2010 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-03-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Paines Creek and Stony Brook Watershed Stormwater Mitigation Project

**Grantee:** Town of Brewster

**Location:** Cape Cod

**Description:** The goal of this project is to continue improvements to untreated stormwater discharges for the Paines Creek and Stony Brook Watershed in Brewster. A stormwater mitigation assessment project for this area was completed in 2007 under a Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Non Point Source grant and identified four priority sites. One of the four sites, Stony Brook Mill, received a CZM Coastal Pollution Remediation grant for final design and a Section 319 Non Point Source grant for implementation.

This project will include a site survey and preliminary design of stormwater improvements for two additional priority sites; the Route 6A Triangle and Paines Creek Road North of the Route 6A intersection. The primary pollutants of concern are: suspended solids, sediments, pathogens/bacteria, and nutrients. Preliminary design plans up to the 50% review stage will be prepared for both sites in a format suitable to submit as a proposal for FFY11 319 funding.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) site survey and data collection; and
- 2) prepare preliminary design plans for 50% review.

**Cost:** \$ 58,000

**Funding:** \$ 58,000- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-04-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Provincetown Harbor Stormwater Mitigation Project

**Grantee:** Town of Provincetown

**Location:** Cape Cod

**Description:** This project will continue improvements to the West End outfalls to correct ongoing bacteria pollution and improve the overall water quality of Provincetown Harbor. A stormwater mitigation assessment project funded by a Coastal Zone Management CPR grant identified 25 stormwater discharge points to Provincetown Harbor. Stormwater mitigation measures have already been designed, implemented and planned at many of these outfalls. This project will provide preliminary design for stormwater collection improvements, infiltration facilities and installation of porous pavement as a combined solution. The Contractor will conduct a site survey, subsurface investigations, and preliminary design of Commercial Street redevelopment between the West End lot and Atlantic Avenue.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) site survey and data collection;
- 2) conduct subsurface investigations, and
- 3) prepare preliminary design plans for 50% review.

**Cost:** \$ 90,240

**Funding:** \$ 90,240- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-05-ARRA**

**Project Title:** South River Bacterial Source Assessment Project

**Grantee:** Town of Marshfield

**Location:** South Coastal

**Description:** This project will assess potential sources of bacteria in the South River watershed through iterative source tracking sampling; prioritize potential solutions and problem areas according to feasibility and expected improvement; and provide designs for BMPs to improve the top three priority areas. Project goal is to reach water quality goals supportive of opening South River shellfish beds and allowing safe recreation.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Update existing North and South River Watershed Association QAPP;
- 2) Conduct water quality sampling to identify bacterial sources;
- 3) Compile watershed information including identification and feasibility analysis of BMP retrofit sites; and
- 4) Prioritize BMP sites and develop preliminary designs.

**Cost:** \$60,835

**Funding:** \$49,430 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$11,405 – Town of Marshfield

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-06-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Kingston Bay Stormwater Mitigation Project

**Grantee:** Town of Duxbury

**Location:** South Coastal

**Description:** This project will advance the work already underway in Kingston Bay to mitigate the worst stormwater outfalls. The project will complement a recent FFY09 Coastal Pollution Remediation award for the second worst outfall (#44) by preparing designs for three additional BMPs for this outfall. Additionally, four other outfalls will be selected after water quality sampling and analysis. BMP designs will be prepared for these sites. The project goal is to bring technical documents for these seven BMPS to a level of engineering and design where they can become the substance of an application for construction funds under the s319 Grant or other programs.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Prepare a QAPP including soil boring and water quality sampling;
- 2) Conduct water quality sampling;
- 3) Prioritize sites, conduct site investigations, and develop final BMP designs.

**Cost:** \$58,180

**Funding:** \$53,600- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 4,580 – Town of Duxbury

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-07-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Furnace & Oldham Pond Watershed Restoration Project

**Grantee:** Town of Pembroke

**Location:** South Coastal

**Description:** This project will develop a long-term watershed restoration plan for both Oldham and Furnace Ponds. Both Ponds are located in Pembroke, MA within the North River Watershed and are on the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters for noxious aquatic weeds (Oldham), low dissolved oxygen (Furnace) and organic enrichment (Furnace). A number of watershed improvements have been implemented over the past 10 years. Additionally, a local volunteer effort to collect water quality data was implemented in 2008. This restoration plan will prioritize future watershed protection activities to obtain the most cost effective pollutant removal, while estimating the anticipated improvements. The project will focus on pollutant sources, in this case phosphorus, and will determine how much phosphorus needs to be removed under existing and buildout conditions to reduce in-lake phosphorous levels to meet recreational goals. The plan will be used by the Town to implement the most cost-effective BMPs to meet water quality goals and to obtain future funds for implementation.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Amend an existing QAPP to include water quality modeling and any proposed changes;
- 2) Conduct water quality sampling; and
- 3) Prioritize sites, conduct site investigations, and develop final BMP designs.

**Cost:** \$54,335

**Funding:** \$47,150- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 7,185 – Town of Pembroke

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
PROJECT SUMMARIES**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-08-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Improving Water Quality in Urban Watersheds Project

**Grantee:** City of Cambridge

**Location:** Boston Harbor/Lower Charles River Basin

**Description:** This project will determine street-dirt accumulation rates, wash-off of street dirt due to precipitation, trace-element concentrations in street-dirt, and develop a productivity function for a high-efficiency (H-E) street cleaner in areas representing two well-defined land-use categories (multifamily residential and commercial/industrial) in the City of Cambridge, MA over a 9-month (April to December) street-cleaning season. These data and data from other sources, where available, will be used to develop, calibrate and verify a Source Loading and Management Model (SLAMM) to simulate the effectiveness of a H-E street cleaning program at reducing phosphorus loading to the Lower Charles River.

The data acquired by this effort will be used to refine existing stormwater runoff models, estimate urban non-point source reductions of total phosphorus relative to the lower Charles River total phosphorus TMDL, and develop appropriate load-reduction credits to facilitate additional high-efficiency vacuum sweeping in the Lower Charles River Basin and other areas statewide. Information derived from this study will enhance the knowledge base about effective BMPs and will help prioritize municipal good housekeeping decisions for TMDL implementation and NPDES Phase II compliance.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Prepare a QAPP;
- 2) Determine street-dirt accumulation rates, wash-off of street dirt due to precipitation, and trace-element concentrations in street-dirt;
- 3) Develop a productivity function for a high-efficiency (H-E) street cleaner in areas representing two well-defined land-use categories (multifamily residential and commercial/industrial) in the City of Cambridge;
- 4) Develop, calibrate and verify a Source Loading and Management Model (SLAMM) to simulate the effectiveness of a H-E street cleaning program at reducing phosphorus loading to the Lower Charles River; and
- 5) Provide final report including physical and chemical results for each analytical constituent and a discussion of the SLAMM model and simulations of phosphorus load reductions due to a street cleaning program.

**Cost:** \$345,000

**Funding:** \$150,000- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$195,000 – MassDEP, USGS, City of Cambridge

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-09-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Lake Gardner Bacteriological Study

**Grantee:** Town of Amesbury

**Location:** Merrimack River

**Description:** This project will collect water quality data and conduct assessment activities for the upstream Powow River segment (Tuxbury Lake to Lake Gardner segment of the Powow River) and in Lake Gardner. Lake Gardner is an 80-acre lake that lies between several reaches of the Powow River in the Merrimack River Watershed. The Powow River is a Class A waterbody and is listed as a Category 5 impaired waterbody on the 2006 303(d) list of impaired waters for pathogens, suspended solids, noxious aquatic weeds and turbidity. Periodic beach closures occur due to elevated bacteria levels; other water quality problems for Lake Gardner include algal blooms, sedimentation and nuisance aquatic weeds.

In addition to collecting water quality data, the Town will develop a long-term remediation plan focusing on pathogens for the Powow River (Tuxbury Lake outlet to Lake Gardner) including Lake Gardner to prioritize and plan for future water quality improvements, particularly relating to bacteria and nutrients, for these waterbodies.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Prepare an USEPA and MassDEP approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP);
- 2) Collect watershed data to identify potential bacteria sources;
- 3) Collect and analyze water quality data;
- 4) Prepare long-term remediation plan; and
- 5) Provide progress and final reports.

**Cost:** \$49,950

**Funding:** \$46,550 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 3,400 – City of Amesbury

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-10-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Water Quality Assessment of Windsor & Cady Brooks

**Grantee:** City of Pittsfield

**Location:** Housatonic

**Description:** This project is part of a comprehensive management approach to protect the City of Pittsfield's water supply. The City will assess sources of sediment to Windsor and Cady Brooks and identify best management practices to prevent sediment from entering Cleveland Reservoir. Sediment deposits in these waterbodies and the re-suspension of these materials during storm events and high water flows are contributing to the increased turbidity impacting Cleveland Reservoir. An analysis of the watershed, stream system, sediment characteristics, and potential management alternatives will be conducted. The baseline information collected and conceptual alternatives developed will form the framework for implementation of BMPs that will protect the water quality of the streams and the water supply reservoirs.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Prepare an USEPA and MassDEP approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP);
- 2) Characterize the turbidity in Windsor and Cady Brook impoundments;
- 3) Prepare bathymetric profiles and calculate sediment volumes in these impoundments;
- 4) Evaluate potential sediment sources;
- 5) Estimate watershed sediment volumes;
- 6) Evaluate BMPs for managing sediment and turbidity
- 7) Evaluate effectiveness of management practices in reducing sediment load; and
- 8) Provide final project report.

**Cost:** \$107,200

**Funding:** \$ 69,300 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 37,900 – City of Pittsfield

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-11-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Remediation in the Upper Ipswich Watershed

**Grantee:** Town of North Reading

**Location:** Ipswich

**Description:** The goal of this project is to conduct assessments of stormwater conveyances, streambank erosion, sediment plumes at outfalls, and water quality in small-scale catchments in the upper Ipswich watershed area. This assessment information will be used to design low impact BMPs that will mitigate NPS pollution caused primarily by stormwater runoff and develop implementation plans for these BMPs.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP);
- 2) Assess streambank erosion and sediment plumes;
- 3) Sample catchment water quality during storm events;
- 4) Prepare conceptual plans and cost estimates; and
- 5) Provide a Final report on project activities and recommendations.

**Cost:** \$36,000

**Funding:** \$26,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$10,000 – Town of North Reading

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-12-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Three Town BMP Development Project

**Grantee:** Town of Sharon

**Location:** Boston Harbor – Neponset River

**Description:** The goal of this project is to identify sites in the Towns of Sharon, Stoughton and Walpole that are suitable for retrofitting with structural stormwater BMPs and to develop conceptual designs for BMPs at those sites. The Contractor will identify, prioritize and design BMP retrofits in each of the three towns. The Contractor will use a new approach that will emphasize a visual survey of BMP retrofit potential that will be applied to: prioritize retrofit opportunities, determine ease of implementation, provide qualitative estimates of pollutant loading, determine engineering feasibility, estimate potential for pollutant load reduction, and determine the likelihood for acceptance by abutters. Upon completion of this assessment, and the vetting of potential sites with key community stakeholders, the Contractor will prepare final conceptual designs and determine pollutant loading from the sites selected in each of the three towns.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Demonstrate a methodology which can be used to efficiently identify and prioritize stormwater BMP retrofit opportunities in other towns and other watersheds.
- 2) Identify at least three sites (neighborhoods or discrete collection areas) that are amenable to the implementation of structural BMP retrofits in each town.
- 3) Prepare conceptual designs and cost estimates for three sites in each town to support future applications for implementation funding.

**Cost:** \$91,374

**Funding:** \$82,790 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 8,584 – Town of Sharon

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)  
SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-13-ARRA**

**Project Title:** Connecticut River Water Quality Monitoring Project

**Grantee:** Pioneer Valley Planning Council

**Location:** Connecticut

**Description:** This project will continue an on-going volunteer based bacteria monitoring program in the Connecticut River watershed in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties. The Contractor will oversee the collection of bacteria samples along the main stem of the river, collection of new baseline data on tributaries suspected to be sources of bacteria, and new monitoring and field reconnaissance at specific locations for bacteria source tracking. Data collected will be shared with the public, MassDEP, municipal officials, and other stakeholders through posting the data to a web site targeting recreational river users as well as outreach through local media and forum outlets.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Contractor during this project include:

- 1) Update existing QAPP for the Tri-State Connecticut River Volunteer Monitoring Program;
- 2) Coordinate recruitment and training of volunteer samplers;
- 3) Select sampling sites on the main stem, suspect tributaries, and specific source tracking sites;
- 4) Collect water quality samples and conduct bacteria analysis to identify bacterial sources;
- 5) Conduct public outreach to disseminate water quality results; and
- 6) Provide a final report on project activities.

**Cost:** \$104,788

**Funding:** \$ 77,206 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 27,582 - PVPC

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-01**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Best Management Practices Retrofit Development

**Grantee:** Town of Canton

**Location:** Boston Harbor – Neponset

**Description:** The goal of this project is to identify sites in the Town of Canton that are suitable for retrofitting with structural stormwater BMPs and to develop conceptual designs for BMPs at those sites. The Contractor will employ a new method for identifying, prioritizing and designing BMP retrofits. This approach will emphasize a visual survey of BMP retrofit potential that can be rapidly applied to a large area to: prioritize retrofit opportunities, determine ease of implementation, provide qualitative estimates of pollutant loading, determine engineering feasibility, estimate potential for pollutant load reduction, and determine the likelihood for acceptance by abutters. Upon completion of this assessment, and the vetting of potential sites with key community stakeholders, the Contractor will prepare final conceptual designs and determine pollutant loading from the selected sites.

Specific activities to be conducted include:

- 1) Demonstrate a methodology which can be used to efficiently identify and prioritize stormwater BMP retrofit opportunities in other towns and other watersheds.
- 2) Identify at least three sites (neighborhoods or discrete collection areas) that are amenable to the implementation of structural BMP retrofits.
- 3) Prepare conceptual designs and cost estimates to support future applications for implementation funding.
- 4) Conduct an outreach program through the distribution of a press release and newsletter article announcing the commencement of the project and the project's findings.

**Cost:** \$ 26,904

**Funding:** \$ 23,830 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 3,074 – Town of Canton

**Duration:** 2009 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-02**

**Project Title:** Provincetown Harbor & Pamet Harbor Water Quality Assessment

**Grantee:** Town of Provincetown

**Location:** Cape Cod

**Description:** This project will continue the collection of baseline water quality data necessary to prepare coastal water bodies in Provincetown and Truro for entry into the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). The Towns of Provincetown and Truro and the National Park Service, in concert with UMASS School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST), will revise the existing Sampling and Analysis Plan and collect Year three data for Hatches Harbor, Provincetown Harbor, East Harbor Lagoon, and Pamet Harbor. Water quality samples will be collected during six sampling rounds from June through September. A final report that summarizes all three years of sampling will also be prepared.

Specific activities to be conducted by the Grantee during this project include:

- 1) Revise existing Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) including field survey station locations, GPS coordinates, and GIS maps of sample locations following existing Massachusetts Estuaries Program (MEP) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) to insure standard survey and water quality data collection methods;
- 2) Collect water quality samples during six sampling rounds; and
- 3) Submit a final data summary and analysis report covering all three years of sampling to MassDEP.

**Cost:** \$ 35,670

**Funding:** \$ 35,670 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2009 – 2011 (Project Complete)



## PROJECT SUMMARIES

### SECTION 604b PROJECT 2009-03

**Project Title:** Bernardston Wellhead Protection Planning

**Grantee:** Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Location:** Connecticut & Deerfield Watersheds

**Description:** The objective of this project is to implement two of the priority actions listed in the *5-Year Watershed Action Plan for the Connecticut River* and the protection planning recommendations in the MassDEP SWAP report. These actions will help protect the drinking water quality of public water supplies, private wells, and aquifers in the Town of Bernardston.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Develop a Wellhead Protection Plan to protect public water supplies, private drinking water wells and high yield aquifers in Bernardston;
- 2) Evaluate options for gaining ownership or control of the entire Zone I areas for the two wells;
- 3) Conduct a detailed, parcel-level field inventory of the current land uses in the Zone I and Zone II areas and prepare GIS maps;
- 4) Develop specific regulatory and non-regulatory controls to address the potential sources of contamination identified; and
- 5) Prepare updates to the town's zoning bylaws to meet 310 CMR 22.21(2) and include the Zone II delineations for adoption by Town Meeting.

**Cost:** \$30,401

**Funding:** \$24,000 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 6,401 – Town of Bernardston

**Duration:** 2009 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2010-01**

**Project Title:** Fluvial Geomorphic and Habitat Assessment of the South River Watershed

**Grantee:** Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Location:** Deerfield

**Description:** The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) will conduct a geomorphic assessment of the South River to provide information on the causes of erosion, channel instability and habitat degradation. Fish community and physical habitat surveys will be performed in the South River and its tributaries to characterize the current habitat conditions and provide data to the fluvial geomorphic study. This project will: 1) help fill significant water quality data gaps for the South River watershed, 2) provide conceptual restoration designs for 4 reaches, and 3) provide a final engineering design for the highest priority restoration site.

**Cost:** \$82,885

**Funding:** \$74,900- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 7,985 – Deerfield River Watershed Association

**Duration:** 2010 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2010-02**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Best Management Practices Retrofit Development

**Grantee:** Town of Dedham

**Location:** Boston Harbor – Neponset

**Description:** The goal of this project is to identify sites in the Town of Dedham that are suitable for retrofitting with structural and nonstructural stormwater BMPs using a LID approach and to develop conceptual designs for BMPs at those sites. The project will utilize a methodology for identifying and prioritizing BMP retrofit opportunities that is currently employed on two existing 604b projects in Sharon and Canton respectively. This approach will emphasize a visual survey of BMP retrofit potential that can be rapidly applied to a large area to: prioritize retrofit opportunities, determine ease of implementation, provide qualitative estimates of pollutant loading, determine engineering feasibility, estimate potential for pollutant load reduction, and determine the likelihood for acceptance by abutters. Upon completion of this assessment, and the vetting of potential sites with key community stakeholders, the Contractor will prepare final conceptual designs and determine pollutant loading from the selected sites.

Specific activities to be conducted include:

- 1) Demonstrate a methodology which can be used to efficiently identify and prioritize stormwater BMP retrofit opportunities in other towns and other watersheds.
- 2) Identify at least three sites (neighborhoods or discrete collection areas) that are amenable to the implementation of structural BMP retrofits. Less detailed cost estimates will be provided for an additional seven sites.
- 3) Prepare conceptual designs and cost estimates to support future applications for implementation funding.
- 4) Conduct an outreach program through the distribution of a press release and newsletter article announcing the commencement of the project and the project's findings.

**Cost:** \$ 40,258

**Funding:** \$ 37,010 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 3,248 – Town of Dedham

**Duration:** 2010 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2010-03**

**Project Title:** Knob Hill Stormwater Planning

**Grantee:** Great Barrington

**Location:** Housatonic

**Description:** The Town of Great Barrington will develop implementation plans (i.e. preliminary designs and cost estimates for Best Management Practices) for managing the nonpoint source pollution into Lake Mansfield that originates from Knob Hill. This area is one of several major sources of runoff that contribute to the water quality impairment of the Lake. The plans and estimates developed will provide the basis for the implementation and ongoing management of these BMPs.

**Cost:** \$ 13,200

**Funding:** \$10,700- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 2,500 – Town of Great Barrington

**Duration:** 2010 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2010-04**

**Project Title:** Bellingham Subwatershed Stormwater Restoration Planning

**Grantee:** Bellingham

**Location:** Charles River

**Description:** The Town of Bellingham will create a subwatershed restoration plan to address nonpoint source pollution problems and restore water function in a portion of Bellingham that lies within the Charles River watershed. The project will identify opportunities for both on-site and regional stormwater management approaches, especially techniques that use green infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques, as it works to address stormwater problems and water body impairments. The Town will identify a priority subwatershed, evaluate various restoration design options, estimate costs and pollution reduction potential, and select a preferred subwatershed restoration plan that will enable Bellingham to significantly improve stormwater management. The plan will include a priority list of projects which would bring the most benefit at the least cost, and which appear to have the fewest site constraints.

**Cost:** 45,090

**Funding:** \$45,090 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2010 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2010-05**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Assessment & Stormwater Retrofit Plan

**Grantee:** Peabody

**Location:** North Coastal

**Description:** This project will perform a stormwater retrofit assessment and develop conceptual design plans that the City could implement to improve altered hydrology in the City. This project will identify, evaluate, and prioritize structural and non-structural best management practices (BMPs) to control nonpoint source pollution problems and ultimately improve water quality and attenuate stormwater runoff conditions in the North River watershed. A comprehensive stormwater retrofit assessment will be conducted of the City's stormwater management systems on publicly owned parcels in the North River Watershed. This project will: 1) identify subwatershed stormwater retrofit potential and feasibility, 2) identify the most effective sites and most appropriate BMPs to improve stormwater runoff water quality as well as reduce water quantity and peak flow rates discharging into the watershed, and 3) prepare conceptual design plans, sizing calculations, and cost estimates for potential BMP retrofit opportunities

**Cost:** \$38,440

**Funding:** \$35,240 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 3,200 – City of Peabody

**Duration:** 2010 - 2012

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2010-06**

**Project Title:** Strategic Fish Tissue Monitoring Survey to Assess Mercury Impairments

**Grantee:** New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

**Location:** Statewide

**Description:** The objective of this project is to complete a comprehensive regional fish tissue monitoring survey to assess the status of mercury impairments in the region and the impacts of mercury reduction activities. The results will support the re-evaluation of the Northeast Regional Mercury TMDL. NEIWPCC will coordinate the design and development of a regional approach to fish tissue monitoring with other New England states and coordinate this effort with the on-going Massachusetts monitoring plan and existing database. Additional work to be conducted by NEIWPCC will include: 1) revise existing Massachusetts approved QAPP to meet EPA requirements; 2) collect fish tissue samples from both Smallmouth Bass (SMB) and Largemouth Bass (LMB) and from specific Massachusetts lakes recommended by the Department to augment Massachusetts data; 3) assist MassDEP Wall Experiment Station staff with sample processing; 4) perform SMB/LMB fish tissue mercury comparisons; and 5) provide quarterly and final project reports.

**Cost:** \$ 75,783

**Funding:** \$ 75,783 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Duration:** 2010 - 2012

## **PROJECT SUMMARIES**

### **SECTION 604b PROJECT 2011-01**

**Project Title:** Aberjona River Watershed BMP Development Project

**Grantee:** Woburn

**Location:** Boston Harbor (Mystic)

**Description:** This project will evaluate subwatersheds in Woburn, Burlington, Reading and Winchester to identify suitable sites for retrofitting with structural stormwater BMPs that will address pollutants of concern as recommended in the EEA Mystic River Watershed Action Plan. Potential retrofit sites will be prioritized based on water quality assessment, GIS analysis, site surveys, and a collaborative decision making process. Conceptual designs and cost estimates will be prepared for one site in each of the four participating municipalities. This project will provide each of the four participating municipalities with a list of BMP projects they can implement to remediate water quality impairments in the Aberjona River watershed.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Prepare list of Town preferred BMPs;
- 2) Revise existing QAPP for wet-weather monitoring;
- 3) Conduct analysis of non-point source loading;
- 4) Conduct analysis of priority drainage basins to screen potential BMP sites;
- 5) Prioritize sites for BMP implementation;
- 6) Conduct wet-weather monitoring at priority sites;
- 7) Survey sites and collect design data;
- 8) Prepare conceptual designs and cost estimates; and
- 9) Quarterly and Final reports.

**Cost:** \$67,500

**Funding:** \$49,860 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 17,640 – Woburn, Burlington, Reading, & Winchester

**Duration:** Two Years



**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2011-02**

**Project Title:** Stormwater Best Management Practices Retrofit Development

**Grantee:** Town of Milton

**Location:** Boston Harbor – Neponset

**Description:** This project will replicate stormwater BMP development efforts ongoing in other Boston Harbor watershed towns. A mobile GIS based strategy will be used to survey subwatersheds in the Town of Milton to identify suitable sites for retrofitting with structural stormwater BMPs that address pathogens and other pollutants of concern as recommended in applicable TMDLs and EEA Watershed Action Plan. Conceptual designs for BMPs will be developed at three or more sites and less detailed cost estimates at an additional seven sites. The Milton Department of Public Works will partner with the Neponset Watershed Association to identify sites suitable for retrofitting with structural stormwater BMPs and to develop conceptual designs for BMPs at those sites.

The specific project tasks include:

- Identify at least three sites (neighborhoods or discrete collection areas) that are amenable to the implementation of structural BMP retrofits in the near term.
- Prepare conceptual designs and cost estimates to support future applications for implementation funding at those sites.
- Assemble planning level data on as many other retrofit opportunities as possible, to guide longer term efforts and infrastructure planning.
- Apply and refine a methodology which is being used successfully in other Neponset communities to efficiently identify and prioritize stormwater BMP retrofit opportunities.

**Cost:** \$ 40,258

**Funding:** \$ 37,010 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 3,248 – Town of Milton

**Duration:** Two Years

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2011-03**

**Project Title:** Cranberry Bog Nutrient Loss Study

**Grantee:** Carver

**Location:** Buzzards Bay

**Description:** This project will collect data to better understand actual nutrient losses from various types and configurations of cranberry bogs. This project will collect information to estimate the potential for nitrogen to discharge from cranberry bogs of various configurations. This information can be used to more accurately model the potential contribution that cranberry bogs may be making to the eutrophication of Buzzards Bay estuaries.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Identification of six bogs from two different bog types – three pass through bog systems and three closed-loop systems;
- 2) Develop QAPP and sampling plan;
- 3) Install groundwater monitoring wells and water level loggers;
- 4) Data collection and analysis over 24 months;
- 5) Quarterly & Final Reports.

**Cost:** \$ 68,642

**Funding:** \$58,642 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$10,000 – Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Assoc. & Coalition for Buzzards Bay

**Duration:** Three Years

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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2011-04**

**Project Title:** Bacteria Source Tracking & Mitigation in the Hoosic River Watershed

**Grantee:** Berkshire Regional Planning

**Location:** Hudson (Hoosic)

**Description:** The project will identify nonpoint sources of bacterial contamination in the Hoosic River Watershed and develop strategies to mitigate the sources found. This work will continue work initiated by the DEP's Division of Watershed Management, Pilot BST Program, to address the primary cause of impairment in the watershed.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Develop QAPP that builds on DEP's Bacteria Source Tracking Program;
- 2) Assemble existing data into a geo-referenced database;
- 3) Collect, analyze and document water quality samples;
- 4) Maintain communication of project efforts and results with municipalities and MassDEP WERO;
- 5) Identify and prioritize a minimum of three sites for mitigation; and
- 6) Quarterly & Final project reports

**Cost:** \$63,100

**Funding:** \$56,300 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
\$ 6,800 - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

**Duration:** Two Years

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2012-01**

**Project Title:** Kingston Town Center Stormwater Assessment Project

**Grantee:** Town of Kingston

**Location:** South Coastal

**Description:** This project will continue local efforts to assess and remediate bacterial water quality impairments of the lower Jones River and Duxbury Bay where TMDLs are required due to pathogenic contamination (Category 5 listing for pathogens). This phase will focus on a subwatershed of the Jones River in and around Kingston town center where “first flush” stormwater sampling will occur during two storm events at four MassDOT outfalls and six town-owned outfalls that discharge to the Jones River. Analysis of water quality data and “first flush” volumes will direct prioritization of new remediation design plans while an on-going Massachusetts Bays Research & Planning project will advance development of final, implementation ready design plans. Stormwater remediation plans generated through the 604b project will include low impact development BMPs that provide the highest bacterial removal efficiencies in accordance with Massachusetts Stormwater regulations. Through these stormwater assessment and planning activities this project will promote restoration of beneficial uses in impaired waters and will address regional public health, environmental, economic, recreational, as well as aesthetic concerns.

Specific project tasks include:

- 1) Prepare QAPP for wet-weather monitoring;
- 2) Collect “first flush” water quality samples for two storm events;
- 3) Conduct analysis of water quality samples;
- 4) Conduct analysis of priority sites to screen potential BMP designs;
- 5) Prioritize sites for BMP implementation;
- 6) Survey sites, collect design data and create conceptual designs for these sites;
- 7) Prepare preliminary design plans and cost estimates for three sites; and
- 8) Prepare Quarterly and Final reports.

**Cost:** 604b Funds - \$ 48,620  
Match - \$ 5,860  
Total Cost - \$ 54,480

**Duration:** Two Years

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2012-02**

**Project Title:** Fluvial Geomorphic & Habitat Assessment of the North River

**Grantee:** Franklin Regional Council of Governments

**Location:** Deerfield

**Description:** This project will complete a geomorphic assessment and a fish community and physical habitat survey of the North River. Stream bank erosion was previously identified as a significant source of nonpoint source pollution in this watershed. The geomorphic assessment will provide information on the causes of erosion, channel instability and habitat and water quality degradation. Causes for channel instabilities will be determined and solutions identified to improve aquatic habitat and water quality. The current fish community and habitat conditions will be characterized and provide data that will inform the work of the fluvial geomorphologist. This project will: characterize fish community and habitat conditions; provide water quality data for the North River watershed; provide conceptual restoration designs for 4 reaches in sufficient detail for a s.319 proposal; and provide final (30%) engineering design and cost estimates for the highest priority restoration site.

**Cost:**  
604b Funds - \$ 61,200  
Cost Share - \$ 4,507  
Total Cost - \$ 65,707

**Duration:** Two Years

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2012-03**

**Project Title:** Arcadia Lake & Metacomet Lake Watershed Assessment

**Grantee:** Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

**Location:** Connecticut River

**Description:** This project will identify and assess nonpoint pollution sources to Arcadia and Metacomet Lakes and will assist watershed residents and Town officials in the development and implementation of a stormwater management project. Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Conduct shoreline surveys of each of the two lakes to identify and map potential sources of pollution;
- 2) identify water quality monitoring locations;
- 3) conduct water quality sampling to determine which subwatersheds deliver the greatest pollutant loads to the lakes;
- 4) survey high priority subwatershed areas identified through water quality monitoring to track sources of pollution;
- 5) develop preliminary Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development BMP design and cost estimates for nonpoint source control at 3 to 4 high priority locations;
- 6) work with residents and town officials to share results and promote better stormwater management practices; and
- 7) prepare Quarterly & Final Reports.

**Cost:** 604b Funds - \$ 50,000  
Match - \$ 5,092  
Total Cost - \$ 55,092

**Duration:** Two Years

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**SECTION 604b PROJECT 2012-04**

**Project Title:** Sassaquin Pond Stormwater Restoration Project

**Grantee:** City of New Bedford

**Location:** Buzzards Bay

**Description:** The project will conduct an analysis of the non-point source pollution in the Sassaquin Pond watershed and develop a plan for improving the waters of Sassaquin Pond. Low Impact Development strategies, due to their ability to mimic natural conditions and the lower cost of implementation, will be investigated to determine their feasibility. Structural BMPs will also be investigated if LID BMPs are not feasible.

Specific tasks to be completed include:

- 1) Review existing plans, reports, soils information and parcel data as it relates to the stormwater drainage system;
- 2) Evaluate the watershed for specific Low Impact development best management practices;
- 3) Examine specific parcels where Low Impact Development Best Management Practices may be appropriate;
- 4) Identify up to ten possible locations for Low Impact Development Best Management Practices;
- 5) Perform hydrologic modeling of the watershed to determine flows and preliminary sizing of the selected BMP locations;
- 6) Perform calculations and analysis for structural BMP's if appropriate;
- 7) Prepare conceptual designs and sketches, including landscaping architecture, for the ten selected BMP locations;
- 8) Develop preliminary cost estimates for the BMP's based on the conceptual sketches;
- 9) Prepare a brochure and Powerpoint presentation describing non-point source pollution issues and the impacts that non-point source pollution has on Sassaquin Pond;
- 10) Present the Powerpoint presentation at up to three information sessions.

**Cost:** 604b Funds - \$50,552  
Cost Share - \$ 8,580  
Total Cost - \$59,132

**Duration:** Two Years

**Appendix Table A**  
**604b Projects from FFY91 to FFY97 by Watershed**

**Boston Harbor**

**Project Number**

91-06/604

94-06/604

**Project Title**

Charles River Southwest Regional Water Supply Protection Planning Project

Tri-Town Watershed Protection Implementation Project

**Cape Cod**

**Project Number**

91-01/604

91-02/604

92-01/604

94-01/604

97-02/604

**Project Title**

Control of Hazardous Materials Users to Protect Groundwater Quality on Cape Cod

Monomoy Lens Regional Water Protection Project

Cape Cod Small Volume Well Prioritization Project

Sagamore Lens Groundwater Protection Project

Priority Land Acquisition Assessment for Cape Cod: Protecting Suitable Land for Future Water Supply Needs

**Charles**

**Project Number**

91-06/604

**Project Title**

Charles River Southwest Regional Water Supply Protection Planning Project

**Chicopee**

**Project Number**

91-03/604

91-04/604

92-03/604

92-08/604

93-02/604

94-02/604

94-04/604

96-03/604

**Project Title**

Quaboag River Water Supply Protection Project

Franklin County Water Resources Protection Planning Project

Franklin County Water Resources Protection Planning Project

Pioneer Valley Water Resources Protection Planning Project

Franklin County Water Quality Improvement Program

Small Public Water System Collaborative Project

Public Water Supply Technical Assistance, Watershed Inspection Implementation, and ISTEPA Planning Project

An Assessment of Urban Stream Restoration: Tannery and Poor Brooks

**Concord**

**Project Number**

93-04/604

**Project Title**

Sudbury-Assabet-Concord (SuAsCo) River Basins Water Supply Protection

**Connecticut**

**Project Number**

96-06/604

97-01/604

**Project Title**

Assessment and Evaluation of Stormwater Source Reduction Practices on Combined Sewer Overflows

Stream Classification and Assessment Project

**Deerfield**

**Project Number**

92-09/604

93-01/604

**Project Title**

Small Public Water Supplies Planning and Protection Project

Technical Assistance to Community and NonTransient

NonCommunity (NTNC) Water Suppliers in Preparing Source Protection Plans



97-01/604	Stream Classification and Assessment Project
<b>Farmington</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
95-02/604	Farmington River Watershed Nonpoint Source Assessment Project
<b>Housatonic</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
92-09/604	Small Public Water Supplies Planning and Protection Project
93-01/604	Technical Assistance to Community and NonTransient NonCommunity (NTNC) Water Suppliers in Preparing Source Protection Plans
96-05/604	Housatonic River Watershed Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment Project
<b>Hoosic</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
92-09/604	Small Public Water Supplies Planning and Protection Project,
93-01/604	Technical Assistance to Community and NonTransient NonCommunity (NTNC) Water Suppliers in Preparing Source Protection Plans
96-01/604	Hoosic River Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment Project
<b>Ipswich</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
92-06/604	Ipswich and North Coastal River Basins Water Resources Protection Planning Project
95-04/604	Nonpoint Source Assessment in the Ipswich River Watershed
<b>Islands</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
92-04/604	Martha's Vineyard Water Resources Protection Planning Project
96-04/604	Edgartown Great Pond: Existing and Projected Nitrogen Load
<b>Merrimack</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
91-05/604	Merrimack River Water Resources Protection Project
91-08/604	Northern Middlesex County Water Resources Protection Project
92-05/604	Merrimack Valley Regional Water Supply Protection Project
93-03/604	Development and Implementation of Local Floor Drain Regulations in the Merrimack and Parker River Basins
<b>Millers</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
91-07/604	Upper Naukeag Lake Watershed Protection Study
92-07/604	Montachusett Water Resources Protection Planning Project
<b>Narragansett</b>	
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
94-05/604	A Regional Approach to Water Resources Protection and Protecting a Future Potential Water Supply

**Nashua****Project Number**

92-02/604

**Project Title**

Fitchburg Watershed Planning Project

**North Coastal****Project Number**

92-06/604

**Project Title**Ipswich and North Coastal River Basins Water Resources  
Protection Planning Project

94-03/604

Cape Ann Emergency Water Supply Plan

96-02/604

Assessment of On-site Sewage Related Pollution in Gloucester Waters

**Parker****Project Number**

93-03/604

**Project Title**Development and Implementation of Local Floor Drain  
Regulations in the Merrimack and Parker Basins**South Coastal****Project Number**

95-03/604

**Project Title**

South Shore Nonpoint Source Management Plan

**Taunton****Project Number**

91-09/604

**Project Title**Upper Taunton River Basin Water Supply Protection and  
Development Project

91-11/604

Mattapoisett River Water Supply Protection Project

92-10/604

Taunton River Basin Water Resources Planning Project

93-05/604

Upper Taunton River Basin Water Supply/Contingency  
Planning Program

93-07/604

Technical Assistance to the Palmer River Watershed,  
Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory  
Committee and the Taunton River Basin Needs Study

94-05/604

A Regional Approach to Water Resources Protection and  
Protecting a Future Potential Water Supply**Westfield****Project Number**

91-10/604

**Project Title**

Pioneer Valley Water Resource Protection Project

92-09/604

Small Public Water Supplies Planning and Protection Project

93-06/604

Pioneer Valley Regional Water Supply Protection Project

95-01/604

Nonpoint Source Assessment in the Westfield River Watershed

**Appendix Table B**  
**604b Projects from FFY91 to FFY97 by Fiscal Year**

**FFY 91**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
91-01/604	Control of Hazardous Materials Users to Protect Groundwater Quality on Cape Cod
91-02/604	Monomoy Lens Regional Water Protection Project
91-03/604	Quaboag River Water Supply Protection Project
91-04/604	Franklin County Water Resources Protection Planning Project
91-05/604	Merrimack River Water Resources Protection Project
91-06/604	Charles River Southwest Regional Water Supply Protection Planning Project
91-07/604	Upper Naukeag Lake Watershed Protection Study
91-08/604	Northern Middlesex County Water Resources Protection Project
91-09/604	Upper Taunton River Basin Water Supply Protection and Development Project
91-10/604	Pioneer Valley Water Resource Protection Project
91-11/604	Mattapoissett River Water Supply Protection Project

**FFY 92**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
92-01/604	Cape Cod Small Volume Well Prioritization Project
92-02/604	Fitchburg Watershed Planning Project
92-03/604	Franklin County Water Resources Protection Planning Project
92-04/604	Martha's Vineyard Water Resources Protection Planning Project
92-05/604	Merrimack Valley Regional Water Supply Protection Project
92-06/604	Ipswich and North Coastal River Basins Water Resources Protection Planning Project
92-07/604	Montachusett Water Resources Protection Planning Project
92-08/604	Pioneer Valley Water Resources Protection Planning Project
92-09/604	Small Public Water Supplies Planning and Protection Project
92-10/604	Taunton River Basin Water Resources Planning Project

**FFY 93**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
93-01/604	Technical Assistance to Community and NonTransient NonCommunity (NTNC) Water Suppliers in Preparing Source Protection Plans
93-02/604	Franklin County Water Quality Improvement Program
93-03/604	Development and Implementation of Local Floor Drain Regulations in the Merrimack and Parker River Basins
93-04/604	Sudbury-Assabet-Concord (SuAsCo) River Basins Water Supply Protection Project
93-05/604	Upper Taunton River Basin Water Supply/Contingency Planning Program
93-06/604	Pioneer Valley Regional Water Supply Protection Project
93-07/604	Technical Assistance to the Palmer River Watershed, Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee and the Taunton River Basin Needs Study

**FFY 94****Project Number**

94-01/604

94-02/604

94-03/604

94-04/604

94-05/604

94-06/604

**Project Title**

Sagamore Lens Groundwater Protection Project

Small Public Water System Collaborative Project

Cape Ann Emergency Water Supply Plan

Public Water Supply Technical Assistance/Watershed Inspection  
Implementation and ISTEA Planning ProjectA Regional Approach to Water Resources Protection and Protecting a Future  
Potential Water Supply

Tri-Town Watershed Protection Implementation Project

**FFY95****Project Number**

95-01/604

95-02/604

95-03/604

95-04/604

**Project Title**

Nonpoint Source Assessment in the Westfield River Watershed

Farmington River Watershed Nonpoint Source Assessment Project

South Shore Nonpoint Source Management Plan

Nonpoint Source Assessment in the Ipswich River Watershed

**FFY 96****Project Number**

96-01/604

96-02/604

96-03/604

96-04/604

96-05/604

96-06/604

**Project Title**

Hoosic River Nonpoint Source Pollution assessment project

Assessment of On-site Sewage Related Pollution in Gloucester Waters

An Assessment of Urban Stream Restoration: Tannery and Poor Brooks

Edgartown Great Pond: Existing and Projected Nitrogen Load

Housatonic River Watershed Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment Project

Assessment and Evaluation of Stormwater Source Reduction Practices on  
Combined Sewer Overflows**FFY 97****Project Number**

97-01/604

97-02/604

**Project Title**

Stream Classification and Assessment Project

Priority Land Acquisition Assessment for Cape Cod: Protecting Suitable Land  
for Future Water Supply Needs